

Portland, OR — Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Portland) and Darlene Hooley (D-Oregon City) will host a Town Hall meeting for the National Guard and Reserve on Saturday, November 15 at 10:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Camp Withycombe Armory in Clackamas, Oregon.

Joining Representatives Blumenauer and Hooley will be Oregon National Guard Adjutant General Raymond Byrne and Major General Terrill Moffett with the Army Reserve. In light of recent issues regarding the activation and use of Guard and Reserve units in Iraq, Blumenauer and Hooley are hosting this public forum to hear from soldiers, family members, and people in the community.

“I am very concerned about the extended tours of duty for our Guard and Reserve personnel,” said Blumenauer. “These are not only issues of life and death for our soldiers abroad, but of financial and emotional hardships for the families left behind.”

“Our citizen soldiers are making enormous sacrifices, but are being treated as second class citizens,” said Hooley. “They deserve the highest standard of treatment -- no less than our regular military troops -- and I plan to ensure that they’re receiving it.”

Besides Representatives Blumenauer and Hooley, speakers will include Adjutant General Byrne and Major General Moffett, along with Oregon National Guard Family Wellness Coordinator Diane Gooding and Ron Cannon with the U.S. Department of Labor.

Attendees will have the opportunity to voice questions, comments and concerns to the panel. They will also have the opportunity to share their personal insights and challenges connected with the recent deployments.

WHAT: Town Hall for the National Guard and Reserve

WHEN: Saturday, November 15, 2003
10:00 a.m – Noon

WHERE: Camp Withycombe Armory
10101 SE Clackamas Road

Clackamas, Oregon 97015-9150